Try It Yourself.

"It is of no use to argue the question, Philip, I am neither stubborn nor opinionated. I have simply learned a lesson that will last a lifetime."

"Look here, Jack! you are like some old bachelor who has been jilted by one woman, and goes about declaring all women are false."

"Not at all! my brother Charley died of Bright's disease, brought on by using one of these so-called 'blood purifiers'—the kind you see attractively advertized in every nook and corner. It contains iodine of potassium, a drug useful in extreme cases when cautiously given under a doctor's supervision, but death-dealing to all who take it in quantity. If *your* brother had died under such circumstances, you would hate patent medicines as I do."

"I do dislike the name of that mis-called 'blood purifier,' for I have heard a first-class physician say it is the cause of half the cases of Bright's disease in the country, and it is strange the proprietors have not been prosecuted for selling it. But I was recommending Vinegar Bitters and that does not contain any mineral, narcotic or other hurtful drug."

"Oh, nobody supposes that old woman's remedy will hurt anybody; the question is will it cure anything? I'd as soon think of taking some of my grandmother's herb tea."

"You would be better off, Jack, if you had some of that tea to tone up your system now, instead of taking a glass of brandy to make you sleep one night, and perhaps a bottle of beer the next."

"Is this a temperance lecture, Phil?"

"No, it is a Vinegar Bitters lecture. I've taken the medicine more or less for fifteen years, and look the wild world over, you will not find a healthier man than I am."

"What is all this nonsense about old style and new style Vinegar Bitters; are they different?"

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"And you insist that the proof of the pudding—"

"Is the eating—precisely. Jack, get a bottle of the old style Vinegar Bitters—men, I think, prefer old style usually—try it, and you will then be like an old bachelor who, after railing against women for years, falls in love with a good woman at last. You will say there are good and bad patent medicines, but Vinegar Bitters is the best of the lot."

"All right, Phil, to please you, I'll try it and report results."

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Bellaire	7 47	10 53	10 02	1 02	3 21
Zanesville	10 12	a m 1 23	p m 12 47	5 07	5 57
Newark	a m 2 25	2 25	2 00	6 30	6 50
Ar. Columbus	3 25	†3 25	3 00	7 35	
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Wheeling	8 50	4 00	5 30		p m †12 45
Ar. Pittsburgh		6 45	8 10		4 00
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OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

"Mamma's Little Comfort."

I know a little girlie
With loving eyes so blue,
And lips just made for smiling,
And hearts that's kind and true.

She wears no dainty dresses,
No jewels does she own,
But the greatest of all treasures
Is her little self alone.

Her name is "Mother's Comfort;"
For all the livelong day
Her busy little fingers
Helps mother's cares away.

The sunshine loves to glisten
And hide in her soft hair,
And dimples chase each other
About her cheeks so fair.

Oh, this darling little girlie
With the diamonds in her eyes,
Makes in mother's heart a sunshine
Brighter far than floods the skies.

But the name that suits her better,
And makes her glad eyes shine,
Is the name of "Mother's Comfort"—
This little treasure mine.—Sel.

God Our Shield.

The house is at the end of the lane, just by the cross-roads, but if you follow the hedge of laurel until you come to the big syringa bush, you will find the old apple tree, and in a notch about a dozen feet from the ground Bertha Beckford is trying to keep cool on a warm Sunday afternoon; but that is not the only thing that she is doing, for she has her Bible open, and is reading in it. Her attention was drawn to the verse where God says to Abram: "I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." She put her finger upon the verse, but her eyes wandered from the book, and she was thinking how God could be a shield; she thought she knew what the word meant, but it was not clear to her mind how God could be that. She knew where to get an explanation of it, for it always seemed as if mamma knew everything that she asked her. So she climbed down from the tree, and went into the house. "Mamma," she said, "how can God be a shield? I thought a shield was something that was held before soldiers in battle to keep them from being hurt."

"So it is, my dear girl; but there is still another meaning which I will be glad to show to you. In ancient times a shield was commonly made of wood, sometimes it was covered with leather, or with plates of gold, or brass, or copper. These last two shone in the sun like gold, and were kept bright by the application of oil. In order that the weather might not dull it, it was kept covered except when in actual use. The warriors often hung up their shields upon the towers of their armory as trophies of victory. David adorned his tower with a thousand shields. Shields were carried upon the left arm, and held by a thong of leather near the elbow, another being grasped by the hand. Solomon made a shield of state, and covered it with beaten gold, to be used in religious processions. But this shield was carried away by the king of Egypt when he came up against Jerusalem. After that another king made shields of brass, which, not being so valuable, were kept by the chief of the guard. The shield protected the body from the dangers of war. Sometimes it was a large framework, and sometimes it was quite small and oval. But the verse that troubled you has another meaning. The war in which we are engaged is our earthly warfare with sin, and God is said to be a shield between us and danger—that is, if we ask He will surely give it. Do you understand, little daughter?"

"O yes, mamma, you explain everything so that it seems very easy to see the whole thing," Bertha said.

"If my Bertha did not listen with a hearing ear it would not be so easy to teach her," said Mrs. Beckford.

"What is a hearing ear, mamma? I thought an ear could always hear."

"A sound falls upon it, Bertha; but if the mind is not wide awake to take in the meaning of the sound, it will be of little use to hear at all."—New York Observer.

The Little Care-Taker.

"Take care, dear, don't fall," Gracie said gently, as she held her brother. They were looking over into the clear, sparkling water. Edgar was as large as Grace, but Grace was older, and she always felt that she must take care of her "little brother," as she called him.

"There was hardly water enough to drown a mouse," mother said; and that was one reason why she let the children go back and forth alone over the bridge.

Another reason was because she could trust her little girl. When they went out to play you might hear mamma say: "Gracie dear, look after brother;" and the little voice would answer, "yes, mamma, I'll take good care of him."

Now, what kind of a little girl was Grace, that mamma could feel so easy when she was with Edgar? She must have been a good-natured child. If she had been cross and selfish, or rude and rough in her manners, or careless and thoughtless, mamma couldn't have trusted her. No, indeed!

Grace was a kind, loving little sister. I am sure, just such as Jesus loves to see. The Bible says, "be ye kind one to another," and, "little children love one another."—Sunbeam.

Governing a Boy.

Get hold of the boy's heart. Yonder locomotive with the thundering train comes like a whirlwind down the track, and a regiment of armed men might seek to arrest it in vain. It would crush them and plunge unheeded on. But there is a little lever in its mechanism that at the pressure of a man's hand will slacken its speed, and in a moment or two will bring it panting and still, like a whipped spaniel, at your feet. By the same lever the vast steamship is guided hither and you on the vast sea in spite of adverse of currents.

The sensitive and soft spot, by which a boy's life is controlled, is his heart. With your grasp firm and gentle on that helm you can pilot him whither you will. Never doubt that he has a heart. Bad and willful boys very often have tenderest hearts hidden away somewhere between incrustations of sin or behind barricades of pride. And it is your business to get at that heart, keep hold of it by sympathy, confiding in him, manifestly working only for his good, by little indirect kindnesses to mother or sister, or even pet dog. See him at his home or invite him into yours. Provide him some little pleasure, set him to do some little service of trust for you love him practically. Any way rule him through his heart.—Sel.

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Englewood	3 40p m	8 40p m	9 15a m	
Hammond	4 00p m	9 00p m	9 45a m	
Crown Point	4 27	9 48p m	10 16a m	
Kouts	4 40p m	10 00p m	10 31a m	
Wanatah	5	10 15p m	11 01a m	
North Judson	5 20	10 30p m	11 21a m	
Rochester	5 40	10 50p m	11 41a m	
Akron	6 32p m	†11 55p m	12 15p m	
Bolivar		11 56p m	12 16p m	
Hunt'g'n Ar		†12 10a m	1 00p m	
Hunt'g'n Lv	7 50p m	1 15a m	2 28p m	
Kingsland		12 50a m	2 35p m	6 40p m
Decatur			2 45p m	6 50p m
Enterprise		†1 40a m	3 25p m	7 30p m
Spencerville		2 12a m	3 35p m	7 40p m
Elma		2 40a m	4 10p m	8 15p m
Waterville		3 05a m	4 45p m	8 50p m
Simcoe		3 25a m	5 12p m	9 34p m
Enterprise			5 45p m	9 55p m
Delphos			6 10p m	10 20p m
Kenton			6 40p m	10 50p m
Marion			7 15p m	11 25p m
New York Ar				
Boston				

TRAINS WEST.

STATIONS.	No. 3.	No. 5.	No. 1.	No. 33.
Boston				
New York Ar				
Marion				4 20a m
Kenton				4 55a m
Delphos				5 30a m
Spencerville				6 05a m
Elma				6 15a m
Enterprise				6 35a m
Decatur				6 50a m
Kingsland				7 05a m
Markle				7 35a m
Hunt'g'n Ar				8 00a m
Hunt'g'n Lv	3 05a m	3 30p m	6 00p m	
Bolivar	3 20a m	3 45p m	6 15p m	
Akron	3 35a m	4 00p m	6 30p m	
New Madison	3 55a m	4 20p m	6 50p m	
Rochester	4 25a m	4 50p m	7 20p m	
Marshland				
No. Judson	6 42p m	6 45p m	9 15p m	
Kouts				
Crown Point	7 00a m	6 55p m	9 30p m	
Hammond	7 20a m	7 15p m	9 50p m	
Englewood	7 30a m	7 25p m	10 00p m	
Chicago Ar	8 00a m	8 00p m	10 30p m	
Chicago Lv	11 10 pm	3 10p m	6 00a m	4 20p m
Englewood	11 30 pm	3 45p m	6 45a m	5 00p m
Hammond	12 05 am	4 05p m	7 05a m	5 25p m
Crown Point	12 25 am	4 25p m	7 25a m	5 45p m
Kouts	3 27p m	6 42p m	9 46p m	8 00p m
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Rochester	4 36p m	6 55p m	10 05a m	8 15p m
Akron	2 12a m	5 25p m	10 45a m	8 55p m
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